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The Junior Prom.

The Junior Prom. held Thursday evening in the Soper Gymnasium was in every way a splendid success. The Gym. was never so well decorated and the fraternity booths assumed an aspect of elaborateness and fine taste that lent the room an unusual grace. Despite the rosin rubbed into the floor by the Syracuse basket-ball game, hard work had remedied all defects and from the first dance the boards were in fine condition. White's Orchestra, of Utica, made its initial appearance on the Hill, and met with favor. The Junior class colors were in great prominence, and the members of the class wore a broad band of maroon and gray across their shirt fronts.

At about nine o'clock, the orchestra began an opening concert which lasted for about half an hour. Dancing then commenced and with the intermission at midnight, when Owens, of Utica served luncheon, continued till the pale, wan hour of five.

The patronesses were: Mrs. M. W. Stryker, Mrs. Oren Root, Mrs. H. C. G. Brandt, Mrs. Edward Fitch, Mrs. A. D. Morrill, Mrs. W. H. Squires, Mrs. W. P. Shepard, Mrs. J. D. Ibbotson, Mrs. T. F. Nichols, Mrs. H. B. Ward, Mrs. A. P. Saunders, Mrs. Henry White, Mrs. H. L. Ebeling, Mrs. F. M. Davenport, Mrs. W. J. Miller. The Prom. committee was composed of Messrs. E. M. Clark, chairman, Baggs, Dunham, Gilbert, Meeker, Schwartz, Brown, Dudley. The attendance was estimated at a hundred and twenty-five couples. The committee reports a financial success.

The Alpha Delta Phi Reception.

The Hamilton Chapter of Alpha Delta Phi gave their reception Wednesday evening. The patronesses were Mrs. H. C. G. Brandt, Mrs. M. W. Stryker, Mrs. Oren Root, and Mrs. Goodier, of Utica. The music was furnished by White's orchestra, and Caterer Owens

served. The following have been guests of the members of the fraternity during the week: Miss Van Cott, of New York, Miss Heacock, of Iliion, Miss Comstock, of Binghamton, Misses Stryker, Pomeroy and Goodier, of Utica, Miss Ayers, of Smith College, Miss Griffith, of Watertown, Miss Baker, of Gloversville, and Miss Wallace, of Syracuse.

The Psi Upsilon Reception.

The Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon held its usual fraternity reception on the evening of Wednesday, the fourteenth. The following young ladies were the guests of the chapter during Junior week: The Misses Banks, Jones, Winant, Bremer and Balch, of Utica, Baker and Niess, of Rome, Hopkins, of Owasco, Nellis, of Herkimer, McMath, of Rochester, Clarke, of the Lady Jane Grey School, Binghamton, and Webster, of Iliion. The patronesses were Mrs. Stryker, Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Miller, together with the chaperones, Mrs. McMath, of Rochester, and Mrs. Fitch, of Albion. White, of Utica, furnished the music, and Owens catered.

The Chi Psi Reception.

The Alpha Phi of Chi Psi entertained at a reception given in Sigma Phi Hall on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Clinton Scollard, Mrs. J. D. Ibbotson and Fraulein von Topfen were patronesses. The music was by Rath and Owens catered. The following have been guests of the fraternity during the past week: the Misses Chamberlain, Howarth and Thompson, of Utica, Chapin and Miller, of Albany, Proudfit, of Albany, Aron, of Englewood, N. J., Quisenberry and Root, of Clinton.

D. K. E. Reception.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity entertained Friday evening with a formal dance. F. Rath, of Utica, furnished music.

The guests for the week were Misses Munroe, of Lyons, Moore, of New York, Hoffman, of Albany, Nussbickel, of Greene, Packard and Van Wagenen, of Oxford, Russell and Field, of Utica, Morgan, of Auburn. Drummond, '02, Hayes, '05, DeWitt, ex-'06, Moore, ex-'09, were also present. The chaperons were Mrs. Watrous of Clinton, and Mrs. Morgan, of Auburn. The patronesses of the dance were Mrs. Atherton, of Utica, Mrs. Morgan, of Auburn, Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Watrous, of Clinton, and Mrs. Walker, of Franklin.

Syracuse vs. Hamilton.

The Syracuse University five defeated the team representing this College in Soper Gymnasium last Monday evening. The game was by all odds the best seen on the Hill this year. Though the final score was not in our favor, we realize that we were up against one of the best college teams in the country.

The crowd was the largest of the year, and the cheering and enthusiasm shown was good to see and to hear. The score was close until the end of the second half, and we kept hoping that things would come our way that we might have a repetition of last year's victory.

The Syracuse team appeared wrapt in a cloud of rosin dust. This was not entirely unexpected; the *Syracuse Herald* of the preceding day had warned us to expect such things. We do not think that the conditions of the floor warranted any such action, and this we know that there are certain courtesies which are to be observed, even in basket-ball.

The first half was fast and exciting. Redlein was the first man to put the ball where it belonged. Sherman soon scored for us, and throughout the first half the score see-sawed back and forth, neither team leading by more than two baskets. The score at the end of the half was 13 to 11 in favor of Syracuse. The pace had been fast and both teams showed the effects of the struggle when the referee's whistle blew.

At the beginning of the second half Redlein scored two baskets in rapid succession. Our men seemed unable to locate the basket, and several easy opportunities to score were let pass. At certain times we seemed to suffer from nervousness. During this half we added five points to the score, while Syracuse increased her lead by 15 points.

Redlein was the star of the game. He scored 16 points for his team, and his passing and guarding were of a high order. Koult and Sherman rimmed the sphere three times, and Sherman scored two points on fouls. Wilson scored the other basket for the blue and buff. The game was not marred by unnecessary roughness. The referee paid close attention to business and he was a good one.

As a whole the team showed poor condition when compared with the visitors. During the second half the men seemed confused through sheer exhaustion, though the greater part of such criticism comes from comparison with the very fast and superbly conditioned Syracuse men. The team hardly played its best game, but an occasional slump must be expected, especially in such a hard season.

The line-up was as follows:

Hamilton 16.		Syracuse 28.	
	Right Forward.		
Kuolt.		Redlein.	
	Left Forward.		
Sicard.		Kirchgasser.	
	Center.		
Wilson.		Riehl.	
	Right Guard.		
Sherman.		Dollard.	
	Left Guard.		
Bramley.		Powell.	
Referee—Crewshaw. Umpire—Watson, Williams, '05. Timers—Kinney, White. Baskets—Koult 3, Wilson 1, Sherman 5, Redlein 8. Kirchgasser 2, Riehl 1, Dollard 1. Goals from fouls—Sherman 3, Kirchgasser 4. Score—Hamilton 16, Syracuse 28.			

Announcements.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 21st, we play the basket-ball team of the College of the City of New York. This will be the first occasion in which we have met this institution in any athletic contest and the general outcome of the game is awaited with interest. The management is particularly desirous that the College support the game well.

In the evening the intercollegiate de-

bate between C. C. N. Y. and Hamilton will take place in the Chapel. The Hamilton team will debate in the following order: Purdy, Drummond, McLean, alternate, Melrose. The proposition is: "That life insurance should be under Federal control and regulation." Last year we lost to the New Yorkers at New York and they again have an excellent team. "Dan" Redmond, '01, will accompany the visitors and as the coach conspire to work our downfall.

On Thursday morning the annual Washington's birthday address will be given by the Rev. George Knox, L.L.D., on "The East is East and the West is West."

Friday evening the Hamilton-Dartmouth basket-ball game will be played at the Utica Armory. This will be one of the big games of the season and a goodly turnout of college men is imperative.

The Athletic Situation.

The Harvard Athletic Committee, of which Professor Horatio S. White is chairman has voted to concur with Yale and Princeton in an agreement excluding first year men and graduate students of all departments from university athletics. The agreement, which is to go into effect September 1, 1906, covers substantially the following points:

First, only such students shall be eligible to university teams as have completed satisfactorily one year's work. By this rule, Freshmen and other first year men are barred.

Second, holders of degrees advanced enough to be admitted to the Senior class at Harvard, Princeton or Yale shall not be eligible to university teams. Graduate students in all departments are barred by this rule.

Third, no special students shall be eligible except such as have satisfied certain requirements, have done a full year's work and are doing a full year's work.

Fourth, no student shall represent one or more universities or colleges for more than three years. This rule is not to effect students now in college.

The conference at New Haven at which the above rules were proposed owes its origin to Harvard's initiative.

Last November the faculty of the Harvard law school addressed a communication to the Harvard Athletics Committee requesting their consideration of the advisability of debarring graduate students

from intercollegiate athletic contests. It was the opinion of the law faculty that such participation was injurious to good scholarship. The Athletics Committee was induced to favor such a restriction, and overtures were made to Yale and Princeton, with the additional proposition that men in their first year residence should also be barred. Both Yale and Princeton expressed their agreement with these propositions, and Yale added the suggestion respecting special students. At the discussion of the conference a spirit of mutual concession was pleasantly developed, and the results reached are a sufficient indication of the satisfactory situation existing between the institutions involved.

The Committee on Athletics of the University of Pennsylvania has abolished its old athletic eligibility code and adopted a short and simple one, the main provision of which is a rule forbidding Freshmen of any department to compete in athletics until they have completed one academic year of work in a satisfactory manner.

The great universities of the country are rapidly coming over to this point of view and the question is a serious one as to what the smaller colleges will feel obliged to do. At many and perhaps most small colleges the conditions that necessitate these rulings do not obtain. Whether Hamilton, for instance, would feel that Freshmen must not play in athletic teams, so that her standard would be above high water mark as compared with other colleges.

The smaller colleges have their percentage of professionalism and other vices, but whether the same inclusive remedy that could cure the situation at a university would be beneficial in all cases we know not.

For ourselves we think our standard is high, but comparison is the basis of reputation and a general movement is likely to affect our position.

The College Widow.

It may be of interest to the College to know the management of the Majestic is endeavoring to make the presentation of "The College Widow" more or less of a college affair. A big squad of Colgate men is coming down, and in order to encourage Hamilton to attend in a body, the first row has been reserved exclusively for Hamilton men. The seats will be in the hands of Floyd King till Sunday evening.

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THE FACULTY STRICTNESS in holding formal reviews immediately previous to Dance Week is drawing the line rather tight. Both the chairs of American History and of Geology held reviews which men could not cut during this week. The history review came on Wednesday when a large minority of the class desired to cut in order to meet guests coming on for the Wednesday night dances. The College appreciates the courtesy of the Faculty in granting a holiday on Friday, though to be sure this generosity is not entirely unselfish, and even though the orders be strict for the professors to hold recitations regularly during the week, still that doesn't justify the piling on of work on both ends of the festivities. The fellows are willing to work before and after, but to have work unnecessarily crowd upon the various functions seems a needless imposition.

Just why a review must come at noon on Wednesday of Prom. week is a quandary. It is a fact that must be met that little work will be done during the week, and when arrangements have been made that a fellow cannot disregard without discourtesy to his guests, it grinds rather hard when a professor announces a formal review that must needs rupture everything. A slight modicum of care

and courtesy in this respect would meet the pleased approval of the college.

THE SYRACUSE TEAM showed great lack of courtesy and straightforward sportmanship in throwing rosin on the Gym. floor Monday evening. Especially is the way in which the act was done to be criticised. We have always understood that the etiquette of basket-ball binds a team to accept the floor of the home team as one of the conditions of the match. Probably the incident itself influenced not at all the outcome of the game, but at the same time it was a grievous breach of sportsmanship. It goes to show that intense spirit of winning at any and all cost of which Cornell gave us a taste last fall. It is to be hoped that no Hamilton team will ever so debase our ideals of decency and clean sport as to indulge in this variety of subterfuge. The ideal of sport for sport's sake has always ruled here, and may it always.

THE PROM. WEEK has been an unusually successful season of festivity. The bad weather of Wednesday and the bare walks were changed to fine weather and splendid coasting by the storm of Wednesday night. The Prom. was a proud success. The Musical Club concert was poorly received by the audience, but the management reports a goodly return to his coffers. The week affords a welcome relaxation during midwinter, likewise are unwelcome demoralization if college work is below par before and after. All in all a happy season followed by a dearth of coin, cuts and postage stamps.

SINCE LAST MAY the track team has anxiously and impatiently awaited the award of medals won at the last meet of the N. Y. S. I. A. U. As yet Rochester University has offered only excuses, and threadbare ones at that. The Union voted the expenditure of the required sum for the purchase of these medals and nothing but the grossest negligence on the part of the Rochester management can account for such inexcusable delay. Hamilton has always done more than her share of meeting the duties of the Union and is still willing to do so in order to keep it alive. When, however, the other members show such neglect and apparently willful discord it is high time strenuous measures were taken. The manager has repeatedly protested both to the Rochester management and to the N. Y. S. I. A. U. president. At

the last meeting of the Union the Athletic Committee voted that Rochester deliver the medals before November 1, 1905, or show cause. This is good basis for action. Something must be done. Either Rochester should be suspended and fined, if possible, or we should retire from the Union. There is no advantage nor pleasure in being party to such a mess of mismanagement. Affairs have driveled along long enough. The College isn't very anxious to belong to the Union at its best and at its present worst would be better out of it. The March meeting of the council isn't far off and it is none too soon to be thinking of what we can do to better matters. Our delegate ought to have specific instructions to do things at that meeting. Why not clear away the fog and find out whether this N. Y. S. I. A. U. is worth while?

THE COMMERCIAL ATHLETE has his troubles, one of which is that of packing his trunk. We understand that Risley one time of U. of P., lately of Colgate, has now entered Syracuse, where Horr and Young, the two other Colgate Academy stars, finally landed. Risley has a great reputation as an athlete and doubtless in such fields has a future before him, but his reputation as a sport bonafide student will be sadly marred. It is such men as this that put the bar on the escutcheon of College athletics and work havoc with the purity of amateur sport.

The Concert—A Musical Frost.

The Musical Clubs entertained the fair sex and College to no avail Thursday afternoon. To compare the exhibition even with the Clinton concert would be wellnigh impossible. Even the Mandolin Club, demoralized by the apathy of the crowd which we had heretofore sworn by, produced a conglomeration of sounds which would have phased a fifty-piece orchestra of Scottish bagpipes. It really would have been only justice to the people who came to hear this over-praised and conceited band of musicians to at least tune their mandolins, which had evidently not been used since the trip.

The best number by the Mandolin Club, "Tutti Frutti," had to be omitted, as no piano could be found to place in the Chapel.

If it is necessary to scurf the Mandolin Club, how can we express our

thoughts concerning the Glee Club. The first half of the program met with indifferent applause, the last half with a little more enthusiasm. "Bill" Purdy's rich baritone voice fell on tone-deaf ears. However, they rose to the occasion in grand style and encored him.

The "Cat Serenade" was fairly well received—we won't say how well it was rendered—but this was probably due to the fact that the pistol served to wake the audience up to their sense of duty rather than to amuse them. The audience finally succumbed to the subtle comedy of Sicard's coon songs and black-face impersonations, encoring him twice. After the ice was broken the quartette and Stryker met with their customary applause and responded several times.

In every way, except financially of course, the concert wasn't exactly a success. The audience seemed determined not to like anything and the bare conspiracy of silent hands sapped the nerve of the songsters. They hated to get out on the floor and they ran off. At last the Clubs settled down to enjoy the concert themselves. They sang so fast on "Rufus Rastus" that Sicard was nearly jiggled off his feet. Stryker was thoroughly neat and lent tone to the appearance of the Clubs. All in all the concert was most enjoyable and amusing by reason of its failings.

The program was as follows:

FIRST PART.

1. Songs of Hamilton.
 - a. Carissima, Stryker, '72
 - b. With Word and Will. Glee Club.
2. Poppies—Japanese Romance, Moret Mandolin Club.
3. Cat Serenade, Barrows, '06, and Purdy, '06 Glee Club.
4. Auf Weidersehn, Francis Mr. Purdy and Glee Club.

SECOND PART.

1. College Ways, Frantzes Mandolin Club.
2. Song—"What You Goin' to do When the Rent Comes Round?" Von Tilzer Mr. Sicard and Glee Club.
3. Silver Heels, intermezzo, Moret Mandolin Club.
4. Plantation Melodies, Messrs. Stryker, Sicard, Purdy, White
5. Songs of Hamilton,
 - a. In the Ways, Stryker, '72
 - b. Twilight Comes Soon, " "
 - c. Cheer, Boys, Cheer, Starr, '58 Glee Club.

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College Notes.

—Munger, '05, and Butler, '98, were on the Hill Wednesday.

—"Nelse" Drummond, '02, is making a short visit on the Hill.

—Prof. Davenport will preach in the College Chapel tomorrow.

—Karl Adams was the only one who seemed to enjoy the Glee Club concert.

—The heavy gym. apparatus, broken during basket-ball practice, has been repaired.

—"Rum" DeWitt is back again for a couple of days. It always seems good to see "Nut."

—The contract between the *Hamiltonian* Board and Photographer Lewis, of Utica, expires today.

—The Junior Debate squad entire cut "Heine" Wednesday morning. The only thing possible was a cut.

—"Schnitzie" cut the Sophomores on Thursday morning. How a cut is appreciated during Prom. week.

—We had regular Junior week weather though even the most optimistic hardly dared to hope for coasting.

—Where are the football scrub's caps? That is a question heard repeated many times nowadays. It seems a pity that the management can't live up to its promises.

—Prof. Nichols' condition remains about the same. He will not teach any more this term and possibly not this year.

—Wednesday chapels did not draw very well. Everyone was starting out to get someone for the dances of that evening.

—The Bachelors' Club left the Hill *en masse* early Wednesday morning. Are we to envy or pity them? Who will say?

—The poor unfortunates who have no cuts go around with an air of "How long, O Lord, how long?" One can hardly blame them.

—The LIFE Board established a precedent this year and a picture of the Board was presented to each member "on the management."

—Busy times for the hack drivers and expressmen. They have been heard to give some very silent scripture reading on account of some difficulty or other.

—Monday the Sophomore Class distinguished itself by winning its first game of basket-ball on the Hill. Clinton High School was defeated 33 to 20.

—Hon. Chauncey S. Truax, the donator of the Truax Hall of Philosophy and a Trustee of the College, spent the fore part of the week as guest of Dr. Stryker.

—The new electric lights which "arrove" Wednesday night are certainly an immense improvement. They light up the places which needed it and fill a long-felt want.

—The 'varsity basket-ball team and two scrub teams had practice in the Utica Armory last Saturday afternoon. This is in preparation for the Dartmouth game on the 23d.

—The Sophomore basket-ball manager has arranged a game for February 22nd with the Johnstown High School five. There will be a return game played on the Hill.

—Floyd King reports an unprecedented sale of postals and the book store was nearly sold out of banners. There certainly have been influences at work somewhere.

—A matter which is arousing much discussion in Clinton and Utica is the over-crowding of the Clinton cars. The fellows here on the Hill use these cars considerably and it seems might have a hand in the discussion. A formal petition from the students might have considerable weight in securing a reform which no one denies is necessary.

—A representative of some fraternity jeweler, etc., struck the Hill Wednesday with a full line of "pipes, steins, pins, etc." It is reported that he wrote one order for a 75 cent stein.

—The dismal, gloomy weather of Wednesday afternoon which seemed such a poor beginning for Prom. week fortunately changed, and the most exacting couldn't have asked for finer weather.

—The rosin put on the "Gym" floor by the members of the Syracuse basket-ball team did not help the Junior Prom. committee. It necessitated that work be begun on the floor a day earlier, to say nothing of the additional expense.

—Despite the prophecies that the Gym. floor would be in poor condition on account of the rosin which the Syracuse team so carefully scattered it was pronounced the best ever, due to the vigorous scraping given it in the afternoon.

—The lighting of the Gym. at the Syracuse game Monday night was exceptionally good. This unusual amount of light is due to the ambition and perseverance of the manager of the team. New mantels were put in before the game.

—The holiday on Friday was greatly appreciated by the fellows. We hope that this precedent will always be followed. It probably will if "dance week" is limited to three days. Three nights seems just about enough to get all the dances in.

—To allow the work in preparation for the Junior Prom. to go on unhindered there has been no basket-ball practice since the Syracuse game. This gives the team but four days before the Dartmouth game in which to recover from the dissipation of the past week.

—Advance tickets for the gym. show to be held at the Majestic theatre in Utica, Wednesday, March 7th, will be obtainable the first of next week. Every man in college should use as many tickets as possible and aid the committee in making the show a financial success.

—Wednesday morning dawned warm and rainy and much wailing and gnashing of teeth showed how deeply the fellows hate a "green Prom." Dance week without coasting is the culmination of all earthly sorrows. However, the fates were kind in the afternoon, "first it blew, then it snowed, and then by jing, it friz." So we had some coasting.

Juniors 26, Sophomores 17.

The Juniors defeated the Sophomores in a close and interesting game, last Thursday night. It was by far the most interesting interclass game to watch that has been played this year. The Sophomores had the best team work, and had it not been for the work of Kuolt for the Juniors the representatives of '08 would have won the game. The guarding was close, and the baskets were earned! There were many sensational baskets. Joralemon in particular threw two very difficult ones. The play was hard, but few fouls were called and most of these were for running with the ball. Smith played a good game for the Sophomores. The basket throwing by this team was very evenly distributed. Gordon and Kuolt excelled for the Juniors. The attendance was very small, but there was plenty of class spirit shown.

The line-up was as follows:

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	Right Forward.	
Gordon.	Jones, Joralemon.	
	Left Forward.	
E. Clark.		Bate.
	Center.	
Swetman.		Smith.
	Right Guard.	
Schwartz.		Henderson.
	Left Guard.	
Kuolt.		Weeks.

Goals from fouls—Henderson 1. Baskets—Kuolt 8, Gordon 4, Clark 1, Henderson 2, Bate 1, Smith 2, Joralemon 2. Referee—Sherman, '06. Timer—Brokaw, '06. Score—Juniors 26, Sophomores 17.

A Copartnership.

Conklin Mann, '06, the college tight wad, and Lloyd Paul Stryker, '06, the college swell mut, have formed an interesting partnership. Stryker agrees to give "Kink" tone and make him a passable swell, while in return Mann is to teach "Diddle" how to gain a reputation for generosity, how to scurf everyone else as a miser, and yet to be conclusively a tight wad of the first rank.

Since Freshman year Stryker has regaled us with stories from the farm, has posed in his opera hat and talked about his rustic appearance, has generally fished for compliments and encouragement. For a similar length of time Mann has been the leading critic of the less generous of his acquaintances. He has even dared impeach the openhand-

edness of our illustrious line of tennis managers.

But, alas, it is all over. Stryker, according to Westcott's latest figures, has in his laundry more plank walk shirts, more collars, more ties, more socks and more dress shields than any other man in college. Mann, according to his own cash account, recently unearthed, has spent just two cents on anyone other than himself since he entered college. Figures talk.

This is too bad, but we threatened to do it and our honor must be upheld.

Interscholastic Day.

Interscholastic Day has become almost a fixture here on the Hill. Still a large part of the college feels that it is no more than a custom, and that its benefits are exceedingly meagre when compared with the labor spent on its preparation. As a matter of fact almost no men come on to college through the agency of these meets. Most of the teams are simply prize hunters and care for a good time and a good time only. We cannot do much towards urging such a crowd of men individually. The day gives us an excellent reputation, no

doubt of that, but still we don't get the men.

With careful management the meet itself can be made to pay for itself, but the great expense of the day falls on the different crowds who entertain the visitors. This expense is a very heavy one. Again the difficulty of arranging and caring for the men is very trying, and every college man who does his duty hates the thought of an Interscholastic Day. To cart men around, to talk to them, to answer questions, to feed them, to give up your bed for them, to see them off on the proper car, and then to feel that no good comes of it, grates on every fellow in college. With the exception of the Freshmen it is safe to assume that the undergraduate body would hail the abolition of Interscholastic Day with delight. If it isn't worth anything to us it ought to be abolished. The work is too hard to be done year after year for sheer pleasure, and every year the novelty wears off.

The call is almost imperative that the matter be thoroughly discussed. Interscholastic Day is not an affair of the Advisory Board alone. The burden falls on the college and the college should decide as to whether or not the custom shall continue.

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